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Minutes of Initial Conference and Order Regarding Case Management Order and Conference

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

IN RE: PHENYLPROPANOLAMINE (PPA)
PRODUCTS LIABILITY
LITIGATION,

NO. MDL NO. 1407

MINUTES OF INITIAL CONFERENCE AND
ORDER REGARDING CASE
MANAGEMENT ORDER AND CONFERENCE

On November 16, 2001 the court held the initial conference in this matter at which various case management issues were discussed by counsel and the court.

1.The court instructed counsel to work cooperatively to produce a stipulated proposed case management order. The order shall include a proposed pretrial schedule which shall include a discovery plan.

2.The discovery plan should address, inter alia:

A.document management issues;

B.deposition limitations, i.e., number of depositions, time limits, number of attending attorneys; and

C.expert witness issues, i.e., dates for selection, expert witness depositions, and exchange of reports.

3.The order should also contain an agreed list of issues.

4.The order shall be submitted no later than December 7, 2001.

5.The court emphasized the need for committees that will include attorneys involved in state litigation and attorneys skilled in technological methods of storing information and expediting communications.

6.Counsel shall submit to the court as soon as possible, but no later than November 30, 2001, a list of pending state court PPA cases, including case names, docket numbers, assigned judges (with telephone numbers and addresses), any scheduling orders that have been issued, and any motions pending.

7.Counsel shall also submit for the court's approval, no later than November 30, 2001, a proposed slate of counsel assigned to the various committees.

8.The court will issue an order setting forth lead and liaison counsel forthwith.

9.The next conference is scheduled for December 20, 2001 at 10:00 a.m.

DATED at Seattle, Washington this 19th day of November, 2001.

/s/

BARBARA JACOBS ROTHSTEIN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

